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### The Kashiwara-Vergne Problem and Topology

**Abstract.** I will describe a general machine, a close cousin of Taylor's theorem, whose inputs are topics in topology and whose outputs are problems in algebra. There are many inputs the machine can take, and many outputs it produces, but I will concentrate on just one input/output pair. When fed with a certain class of knotted 2-dimensional objects in 4-dimensional space, it outputs the Kashiwara-Vergne Problem (1978, solved by Alekseev-Meinrenken, 2006), a problem about convolutions on Lie groups and Lie algebras.

**The Kashiwara-Vergne Conjecture** (1978, proven Alekseev-Meinrenken, 2006). There exist two series  $F$  and  $G$  in the completed free Lie algebra in generators  $x$  and  $y$  so that

$$x + y - \log e^y e^x = (1 - e^{-\text{ad } x})F + (e^{\text{ad } y} - 1)G$$

and so that with  $z = \log e^x e^y$ ,

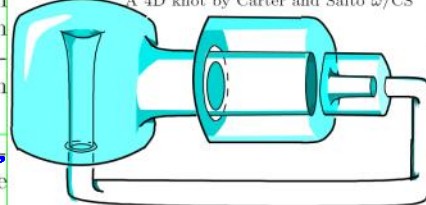
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{tr}(\text{ad } x)\partial_x F + \text{tr}(\text{ad } y)\partial_y G \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \frac{\text{ad } x}{e^{\text{ad } x} - 1} + \frac{\text{ad } y}{e^{\text{ad } y} - 1} - \frac{\text{ad } z}{e^{\text{ad } z} - 1} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Implies the loosely-stated **convolutions statement**: Convolutions of invariant functions on a Lie group agree with convolutions of invariant functions on its Lie algebra. More accurately, let  $G$  be a finite dimensional Lie group and let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be its Lie algebra, let  $j : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Jacobian of the exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$ , and let  $\Phi : \text{Fun}(G) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})$  be given by  $\Phi(f)(x) := j^{1/2}(x)f(\exp x)$ . Then if  $f, g \in \text{Fun}(G)$  are Ad-invariant and supported near the identity, then

$$\Phi(f) \star \Phi(g) = \Phi(f \star g).$$

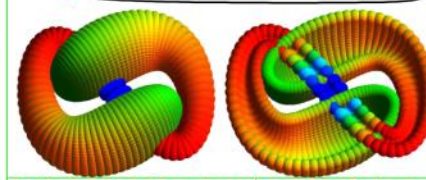
#### 4D Knots.

A 4D knot by Carter and Saito  $\omega/\text{CS}$

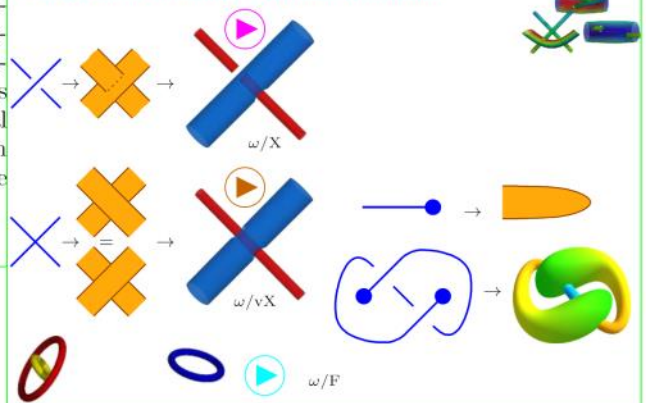


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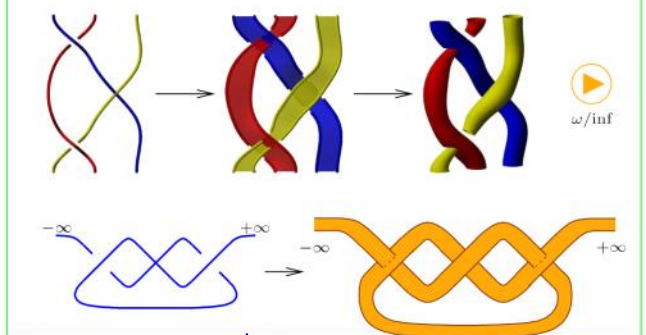
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#### A Simplified Notation / Double Inflation



#### The Double Inflation Procedure $\delta$ .



Add vertices  
Add PA, all relations, ops.



"God created the knots, all else in topology is the work of mortals."

Leopold Kronecker (modified)

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